PRICE TWO CENTS.

1903 COMES IN WITH A WHOOP

AND MORE NOISE AND FUN AT ITS BIRTH THAN EVER.

Mighty Little Left of the Old Watch Night Custom-Parties of Another Kind Now-Prayer in a Few Churches, but Most Folks Were Down in Broadway.

Some praying and more tooting greeted the new year. It must be full of fun for the twelve months to come if it is to live up to the reputation for gladness that Broadway gave it at its birth.

There was racket and horn blowing all over town with here and there an oasis of silent prayer in some church still adhering to the old watch meeting custom. And faithful bell ringers rang out the old and in the new on the chimes that the folks in the street wouldn't stop their racket long enough to listen to.

In addition to all the old methods of celebrating there were New Year's eve roulette parties, not raidable because given in homes and open to guests only. There were several of these, and invitations to play the old year out and the new year in were issued just like invitations

But as usual the real show was in lower Browney. The New Year's celebration is one of the few things that won't move uptown so long as old Trinity faces down street and has chimes in its belfry. back in the 50s somewhere, when were scarce and dear because of a high tariff on tin or something, a man was reported to have heard those chimes, but he is dead and left no record of the event. Notody has heard them since, except the hell ringer, and he, of course, has to play

But nevertheless it's the chimes that everybody comes down town to hear. Last night the crowd began to get big enough to keep the police busy by 10 o'clock. By midnight it had spread out into the cross atreets and was in a solid mass around the graves in Trinity Church yard of folks who celebrated New Year's a century ago.

Thousands of columns of high-ball heated breath ascended from the ends of thousands of horns and fooled the Weather Bureau's humidity machine on top of the American Surety Building.

One policeman estimated the number of horns at a million and a half, but he wasn't calm. A young woman had just scraped a devil's fiddle within an inch of his ear to see him jump. But nevertheless it's the chimes that

see him jump.
It was no place for an irritable person if there is such on New Year's. Any man who couldn't be punched with a horn or have his hat smashed in and then wish a have his hat smashed in and then wish a Happy New Year to the man, woman or child who had done the deed, should have been at home or at a watch meeting. One man did almost forget for a minute to be blithe and gladsome. He was caught between two opposing rush lines of tooters, tripped up and as he went down his ear was partly gouged off by the mouthpiece of a born.

t he was a stayer. It was evidently But he was a stayer. It was evidently his first New Year's in New York and he was bound to hear the chimes. He had a printed programme of what they were going to play and kept lighting matches to read it. But he didn't have a watch and had to depend on others for the time. The chimes began at 11:30. He thought it was most time that he should hear the first notes of "Evening Beils" and asked what time it was.

The New Year was then fifteen minutes old and the man with the programme hadn't

old and the man with the programme hadn't heard a note.
"Well," he said, "that reminds me of the

vern, he said, that reminds he of the vermont farmer who came way down to Coney Island to see a particular horse race. He stood for three hours in the crowd at the track and then stooped down to tie his shoes. They ran off his particular race in the minute he wasn't looking."

The range of last night's horns was all the way from a ferryslip fog signal to the squeak of a teething baby at 2 o'clock in the morning after the old man has forgotten to have the paregoric bottle filled. Those who didn't have horns had rattles, or whistles or tin pans or devils' fiddles. There was one thing in the way of a noise novelty.

It was said to have been invented by one of the most interesting patients in

of the most interesting patients i Bloomingdale. It consisted of a com-bination buzzer and bell, worn around the neck and worked by a small electric battery carried in the pocket. Some young men wore cow bells, slung over their shoulders, and the girls were strings of sleigh bells for belts. But they had

Most of the offices in the skyscrapers
near Trinity were lighted up and there
was a crowd at every window. They
amused themselves by throwing out rolls
amused themselves by throwing out rolls ticker tape for the mob below to scramble

Inspector Grant was there with 125 po Inspector Grant was there with 125 polemen. They lined both curbs from Cortlandt street to Rector and kept the crowds
on the sidewalk. That was to prevent
interference with street cars and the long
string of cabs and automobiles that came
from uptown loaded with celebrators.

For the benefit of those who were in
front of Trinity at midnight this programme
of the chimes is published to show what
they would have heard if all of the horns
had been plugged: had been plugged:

Ringing the changes on eight bells. "Evening Bells."
"Gran! Milicunium."
"I March in, Puritan!"
"Old Volunteer Firenen."
"Islas Mc, M ther, Good Night."
"Farting Song"

APTER TWELVE. lappy New Year to Thee."
ant. links of the Horse Marines.
The du Regiment

s, Sweet Home." At the Cathegral up in Fifth avenu Archbishop Farley conducted vespers a 8 o'clock. The chimes were rung at mid-night, Bellringer Montell Toulmin playing ten airs on the nineteen ponderous bells. Since folks did hear the chimes there, though passing automobiles tooted and rang and some revolvers were fired. This is only the second year that the Cathedrai chanes have been rung, so the crowd was

For the first time in many years the chimes at Grace Church were not rung last in the and a big crowd was disappointed. The failure of the chimes to ring was due to the illness of the organist, James Ross Half note in He is the attend with pincursonia and his physician asked that the chimes be not plated. The cruging of the Seguin chimes in the tower of St. Andrew's Church in Harlem was begun fifteen minutes before midnight by J. Grant Senia, who played twelve interleas.

There were watch meetings in all of the Methodist churches and in several of those or select denominations. Some churches

dever in any one year of the history of the have so many important events of universal taken place. America, England Germany are have each participated. The President inted States welcomed and entertained in Prince henry of Prussia at the White divard the VII. was crowned king of and Emperor of India the German Emission of the American built Vacht "Meteor" and this American built Vacht "Meteor" and the American built unveiling of the Recent State, and as all functions aftending electrations bloom a Chandon Champagna electron which is proof positive of the superal conduction o

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added a feast to the prayers and hymn singing as one of the features of greeting the New Year. At the First Union Presbyterian Church they had a late dinner, but the tables were cleared in time for the Rev. Milton S. Littlefield to make a midnight address on "The Closing Year."

At the Scotch Presbyterian Church there was a service of prayer, then supper and then the last half hour of the old year and the first half hour of the new were devoted to more devotional exercises.

Bishop Andrews preached a New Year's sermon in the Madison Avenue Methodist Church; the Rev. George W. Grinton of the Forty-fourth Street Church took for his theme "Time, the Beautiful Gate to the Temple Eternal," and the Rev. Robert Bagnell preached on "Eternity" in the Metropolitan Temple.

The nine ministers of the Broadway Talernacle shared the service of the closing hour in Mendelssohn Hall. Gen. O. O. Howard, the Rev. George C. Lorimer and the Rev. Dr. W. T. Haven conducted the watch meeting in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

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RIOT ON THE PLYMOUTH. Two Naval Prisoners Seize Revolvers-One

of Them Begins Shooting. FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 31.-Passenger aboard the Fall River Line steamer Plymouth to this city last night were witnesses of an exciting incident in which Lieut Marshall, U. S. N., and the officers of the steamer participated, with two naval

Just before the boat left her dock Lieut Marshall came aboard with twenty prisoners, handcuffed and under guard of fourteen marines on their way to the Charlestown navy yard. The shackles were removed while the prisoners were at supper. This gave two of them the opportunity t snatch a pistol each from their guards.

Serious trouble followed.

One of the armed prisoners commanded the corporal to throw up his hands, at the same time covering him with the revolver The other convict began shooting and everybody hustled for cover. The cor-poral marched about at the muzzle of the gun. The prisoner, who had the corporal under cover, released him and enterted the main saloon, where he blazed away

couple of times.
Chief Officer Nichols of the steamer and a part of the crew came to the rescue and, assisted by the marines, overpowered the sailors and recovered the stolen firearms, after which peace was restored. All the tars were put under heavy guard and the trip to Boston continued without further trouble

CLEAGE CLOSES CORN DEAL. He Made Settlements at 46 Cents and Cleared \$850,000.

St. Louis Mo., Dec. 31,-Thomas S Clearge, the corn king, closed his big De-cember deal to-day. He made settlements at (6 cents, two cents over the corn quota tion at Chicago. He estimates that between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 bushels of contrac corn were involved in the deal and that his average profit was six cents a bushel.

This leaves him ahead of the deal some \$350,000. The great bulk of the corn bought for Cleage was secured at an average cost of 41 cents. He closed it out at prices ranging from 46 to 50% cents. Cleage says that he could have pushed the price up to \$1 a bushel, but this would have kept the dea! open for six months and something might have developed which would have caused he. Ty loss in the end.

Prince Henry Will Represent Germany at

St. Louis Exposition. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Dec. 51 .- It is reasserted that Prince Henry of Prussia, and not the Prince, will represent Germany at the St. Louis Exposition. It is also stated that Prince Henry will unveil the German warriors' monument in Phila

HAWLEY NEEDS NO MONEY. Move to Raise \$50,000 for the Senato Discountenanced in Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 31.-The Courant of this city to-day, in commenting on the proposition to raise a fund of \$50,000 for the relief of United States Senator Hawley

said editorially that it hoped those who had heard of this movement, would not take it seriously. Then it added:
"The General is not a pauper, and he is as little in need of such a subscription as his friends are of such volunteer advice. He is a Senator of the United States. The term has two years to "Itin."

term has two years to run.

Senator Hawley is ill in Washington and it is doubtful that he will ever take and it is doubtful that he will ever take his seat in the Senate gain. The Times of this city last night called upon the "Friends in his own party" to raise \$50,000 for his immediate relief. It is said, however, that the effort in Washington to have Gen. Hawley retired as a Brigadier-General would be acceptable to the General's friends, for they say that he deserves this mark of distinction and recognition from the Government for his services in the Civil War. ernment for his services in the Civil War.

GOULDS IN TROULEY WAR. Sharp Contest Being carried On in the

Neighburhood of Norfolk. NORFOLE. Va., Dec. 31.-The Gould interests are coming here for street railways. Frank Gould and his party control ways. Frank Gould and his party control
the Hampton Roads Railway and Electric
Company, which is doing the rate cutting
between Newport News and Hampton.
The rival road there is the property of the
Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News
Company, which owns 129 miles of electric
railway. The fare has been reduced to
71, cents from Newport News to Buckroe
Beach as against 15 cents by the old line,
and the rate to Hampton will be reduced
soon.

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Meantime it is proposed by the Goulds to connect their Perinaular line by ferry with the Bay Shore Company's system from Norfolk to Willoughby Spit, and this will make sharp competition between the Norfolk, Portemouth and Newport News roads and the Gould system all the way from Norfolk to Newport News and about Hampton Roads.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 31 .- Michael Whelan, igar dealer, has published a notice that he has disinherited his son, James B. Whelan, who was secretly married on Nov. 26 to Miss Celeste Clare Murphy. The marriage has just been made public. The lad is only 17 and the girl is 18. Young Whelan is with the United Cigar Stores Company in New York city. Mr. Whelan says in his notice that he will pay no debts of his says or contraction. his son's contraction.

How Shall I Colebrate the Holiday Se

the opening of the Gregorian, Thirty fifth Street West, between Fifth Avenue and Heraid Square, Jesuary first, sincteen hundred and three. The management take great pleasure in ofering to their patrona, friends and public a hotel ideal in com-lot, appointment, service and location, for either

BIG FIRE AFTER PURROY LEFT

HE'S SURE IT WAS A FRESH BLAZE THAT CAUSED THE LOSS.

Wooster Street Building Wrecked and Most of the Damage Done After the Chief Had Gone-Eight Alarms in All Sent In-Loss Nearly \$100,000.

The six-story brick factory building which runs from 167 to 173 Wooster street was partly destroyed by fire yesterday with a property loss of not far from \$100,000. Most of the damage was done after Acting Chief Purroy, who was in charge, had declared that the fire was

Purroy says that there were two distinct fires in the building and denies emphatically that he had ordered part of his men away before the first fire had been extin uished. In all eight alarms were sent in for the fire, four before Chief Purroy declared it out and four after the second ire was discovered

The fire started about 1 o'clock in the asement at 167, occupied by the Heyman & Hollander Feather Company. George W. Reynolds, the engineer of the building, saw the smoke and ran into the basement He found a blaze in the rear and a dozen employees trying to extinguish it. He shouted to them to get out, and then ran

to the street and turned in an alarm. By the time the firemen got there they ound the basement all ablaze. They ran a hose through the sidewalk grating. When Deputy Chief Ahearn reached the scene he turned in a second alarm, then a third and finally a fourth, bringing altogether nineteen engine companies, four ruck companies, a water tower and four

ompanies of the insurance patrol.

The men of Engines 13, 20 and 33 took one lines down the stairway leading to the basement, but were driven out Ly a back draugh: that smashed windows and knocked many of them down. Several were cut by broken glass. They went back after their pipes, and those who were able to continue at work remained there.

Meanwhile the tenants of the upper floors swarmed into the halls and made their way to the street. There were several hundred girls at work in the upper part, and all managed to reach the street in safety. Within an hour the flames in the hasement were apparently out. A little basement were apparently out. A little snoke came from the rear, but this, the

firemen said, came from a few timbers which had been torn from the flooring.

Chief Purroy, who had reached the fire, with Deputy Chief Ahearn and Battalion Chiefs Burns and Martin went up through the building. When he returned he declared that the fire was all out and went away. hat the fire was all out and went away. It was about this time that the con ers of the various companies were order to pick up their lines and go home. All but eight companies and the water tower had left, when a tongue of flame shot from a side window on the fourth floor. One a side window on the fourth noor. One company was playing a stream into the basement, but the other seven were pre-paring to return to their quarters and they lost much time in getting back to work. This was an hour and twenty-six minutes

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After getting the firemen back at work on the building Deputy Chief Abearn turned in a new alarm and then rang up three more.

By the time the additional engine companies arrived the section of the building at 167 and 169 was in fiames from cellar to roof. A sheet iron partition kept the flames from spreading to the other half of the building.

of the building.
Several firemen who were at work on
the sixth floor found they had been cut
off from the stairway leading to the roof. rope was thrown across a alley from a building near by and one after the other was hauled across.

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The fire burned for three hours before the firemen got it under control. While it burned Deputy Chief Ahearn worked with a squad of his men where the most danger seemed to be, going up into the building several times to direct the wo k. Chief Purroy, who had left after be had become actified that there was no further. become satisfied that there was no further ianger, returned to the fire when the sec-ond four alarms were turned in. He ex-

ond four alarms were turned in He explained that he had an appointment to meet the Dock Commissioner in the afternoon and was on his way to keep the appointment when he learned of what he termed the second fire.

"I was passing Engine 29's house," he said, "when they called me and told me of the second fire. Of course, there were two distinct fires in the building. The first was in the basement and had been extinguished when I started away to keep my appointment. I had gone through the building with Deputy Chief Ahearn and Buttalion Chiefs Burns, Kenny and Martin and found no sign of fire there I left satisfied that everything was all right.

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"When I got back I found that a second fire has, broken out on the fourth floor, in the loft occupied by a man named Goldstein, who had a printing shop there. According to Deputy Chief Ahearn, he saw four men leaving the building after the second fire was discovered. I think that looked suspicious. Everything that could be done was done as quickly as it could be. But I am certain that there were two distinct fires there. There is no blame to be put on any one connected with the department in connection with the matter, but I do believe the second fire looks but I do believe the second fire looks

Fire Marshai Freel smiled when told that Chief Purroy had declared that there was something suspicious about the second

"Nonsense," he said, "Chief Purroy was only joking. There was nothing sus-picious about the fire." was only joking. There was nothing suspicious about the fire."

According to a man who has an office in the building the four men whom Purroy saw leaving were tenants of the building, who had gone back after valuable papers.

Commissioner Sturgis was asked last night if any adverse criticism of Purroy's conduct at the fire had reached his ears. He said none had.

"Any such criticism would be perfectly abourd, anyway," he added. "Purroy was in my office half an hour before the fire and was then just as fit for service as any man I ever saw. He went to the fire as soon as he could be reached and his work there was beyond criticism.

"Purroy is a man long in the department. When Chief Bonner was leaving the Fire Department he said that if anybody was ever needed to take the place of Chief for any reason, Purroy was a perfectly reliable man. He has so proved to be."

CAT GAVE ALARM OF FIRE.

Himself and Family. MOBRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 31.-It was the antics of a cat that saved the family of antics of a cat that saved the family of Altred Mansfield from burning to death this morning. Mr. Mansfield was awakened by the cat's scratching at his bedroom cor. Opening the door, he discovered flames leaping up the stairway. Mansfield awakened his wife and then ran to the room where his two children were sleeping. Taking them in his arms, he rushed down the blazing stairway in his night clothes, followed by his wife, and staggered through the snow to the home

SLASHED HER RING FINGER. 12-Year-Old Highwayman's Attempt to

Miss May Matthews of 158 East 122d street and Miss May Lewis of 129 West 129th street went last night in a big red automobile to the Liberty Hall Café in East Houston street with a man whose name the police got as C. G. Ridgeway of 141 West Thirty-eighth street and another man.

They were returning at 11:30 P. M., when they stopped at Houston and Essex streets to make a slight repair in the automobile A crowd gathered and out of it a twelveyear-old hoy leaped, snatched a chatelaine bag Miss Matthews wore and slashed at Miss Lewis's hand with a long knife. Miss Lewis wore diamond rings. Ap-

parently the boy tried to cut off the ring finger on her left hand. The knife cut a deep wound in the finger. The boy gave the hand a yank and then, when he failed to get the rings, ran off. Policeman Murphy caught him and locked

him up in the Eldridge street station. He says he is Henry Goodwin of 247 East Hous-The whole automobile party went to the station. Both women made complaints against the boy. Miss Lewis's hand was

bleeding so profusely that she became faint. HE'S WORN SKIRTS 20 YEARS. Becker" Says He Did It So as to Hole

His Job as a Cook. A crowd gathered at Third avenue and Fifty-second street yesterday to look at what appeared to be an intoxicated woman doing some high kicking. Detectives McMullen and Heany took the kicker to the Fast Fifty-first street station where the prisoner was recorded as Lena Becker of 410 East Fifty-fourth street.

The sergeant at the desk noticed a goodsized mustache under the prisoner's veil and sent for a Flower Hospital ambulance so that the surgeon might decide the prisoner's sex. Dr. Quirk said the prisoner was a man masquerading in female attire and he was taken to the Yorkville police court. He said there that he was 48 years' old, and declared that he had worn woman's clothing for more than twenty years. He explained that he could make a living as a cook more easily by wearing woman's garb. He declared that he had gone so long under the name of Lena Becker that he had forgotten his real name. He had no difficulty in passing as a woman cook, he said, and was really a good hand at the business and got good wages. He occasionally went on a drunk and lost his position, he said.

Magistrate Barlow committed him to the vorkhouse for six months.

HONDURAS TO COME NEXT? Citizens Fear That England and Germ Will Pounce on It for Debt.

NEW ORLEANS, De 31 - Passenge from Honduras report that the people of that republic expect a repetition of the Venezuelan incident there over the English debt. A representative of the Englishmer and Germans holding this debt is now in Honduras demanding payment.

When the Honduras Government wanted to build the fifty-six-mile railroad running into the interior from Puerto Cortez it floated a large amount of bonds. The Germans principally. The Government has never made even a pretence to pay either the interest or the principal, and the whole new amounts to about \$100,000,000, which

is more than the country is worth. The bondholders are disposed to com promise. The impression, however, pre vails in Honduras that England and many will take up Honduras next and force the Government to pay its debts, as the two Powers are now doing with Venezuela.

RIGHT TO WORK IS PROPERTY Judge Makes Perpetual an Injunet

Against Strikers - One Picket Allowed. CINCINNATI. Dec. 31 .- In the case of the local foundrymen against the cokemakers, who were recently involved in a strike, the temporary restraining order granted some time ago at the request of the founders, was made perpetual to-day. The C r holds that the right of employment is a property right and cannot be interfered

The Judge says that men pursuing any vocation may be argued with, but cannot be coerced. He says that during the cor makers' strike there was coercion and gathering of mobs in violation of law and that under the restraining order, which he makes perpetual, the coremakers may have one picket at each foundry. These pickets, how ever, must not be selected from the mer whose names are mentioned as defendants in the present injunction suit.

The decision was rendered by Judge facilities. Rufus B. Smith in the Superior Court.

J. P. MORGAN & CO.'S GIFT.

Bonus Equal to a Year's Salary to East Employee of the Banking House.

Each employee of the banking house P. Morgan & Co. received yesterday New Year's bonus equal to 100 per cent of his yearly salary. This suplicates the firm's New Year's distribution of a year ago, There were also a number of increases mad

There were also a number of increases made in salaries, these increases ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 a year. There are between 130 and 140 employees, and the bonuses and advances in salaries represent an aggregate New Year's gift by the firm of something like \$150,000.

In former years J. P. Morgan & Co. were accustomed to give to their employees a holiday bonus of 10 per cent. of the yearly salary to those who had been in the service of the firm for fifteen years and a bonus of 15 per cent. to those who had been with the firm a longer time. This bonus was afterward doubled, making the figures respectively 20 per cent. up to fifteen years service and 30 per cent, beyond that. Then it was made a straight bonus of 50 per cent, to all employees, no matter what the term of service, and last year the amount was increased to 160 per cent.

G. B. POST'S HOME BURNED.

and Cost 675,000. SOMERVILLE. N. J., Dec. 21.—The sum-mer home of George B. Post, the New York architect, at Mine Mount, ten miles from here, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The house was recently constructed at a cost of \$75,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Post was in New York at the time of the fire.

MISS THURBER'S BURGLAR

PUT A PISTOL TO HER HEAD IN F. B. THURBER'S ROOM.

Please Sit Down, Said He. While My As sistant Retires-After He Had Bowed Himself Out Mother and Daughter Keen Still as Mice Ten Minutes

A pair of burglars called on Tuesday night at the home of Francis B. Thurber who was once a well-known wholesa grocer and is now a lawyer. Mr. Thurber's me is at 49 West Twenty-fifth street He was not at home, but one of the burglar had an interview with his daughter, Miss Jeanette, who is 24 years old.

The burglars called about 9:15 o'clock. Mrs. Thurber, who started the American Opera Company and founded the National Conservatory of Music, was in her room on the second floor back. Miss Jeanette was in her room on the third floor and there were five servants in the basement Miss Jeanette had written some letters and went down to her father's room on the There was a dim light in the room and

she saw a man standing near the window At first she thought it was her father I'hen she decided that it wasn't. "What are you doing here?" she asked.
"I belong here," said the stranger. "This

my home. What do you want?" Miss Jeanette told him that it was her ather's home and that he was an intruder. "Oh, that's all right," he said, taking out revolver and walking toward her. He put the revolver against her forehead,

between the eyes, and continued:
"Now, young woman, I don't want to
cause you any unnecessary annoyance.
I'm going to occupy this house temporarily
and you know that might is right. I want you to sit down and make no outcry. If you do I will be obliged to kill you. Now,

please sit down."

Miss Jeanette instead said:

"I give you my word of honor that I won't alarm any one. I won't speak above

won't alarm any one. I won't speak above a whisper."

"I believe you," he said, "but just the same you must sit down, and if you don't I will kill you."

He pushed her toward a chair and as she sat down she saw another man standing behind the curtain over one of the front windows. The man who had been talking to her noticed her glance and remarked: "Don't be alarmed, he's a friend of mine."

Then he called out:

"Bill, you go up to the third floor and

Then he called out:

"Bill, you go up to the third floor and tell Jack to get out."

"Bill" came from behind the curtain and tiptoed out of the room, softly closing the door after him.

"Why don't you sit down?" said Miss Thurber to the man who was holding the revolver against her head. She told her mother afterward that he was so gentlemanly looking that she wanted to ask him how he ever came to get into the house-breaking business.

"I don't think I can sit down," he said.
"I don't play when I work, although I would like very much to accept your invitation."
He paused for a minute and then went

on:

"I am going to leave now. For two minutes I want you to sit still and not say a word. By that time I will be out of the house. I hope it is needless for me to warn you again that should you make an outery. I will kill you."

Bowing before her he took the revolver from her head and backed out of the door, closing it after him and saying softly:

"Good night."

Miss Thurber waited until she thought that the two minutes grace had expired and then walked into the hall. Mrs. Thurber was standing in the doorway of her room. "I thought I heard some one walking down stairs." Mrs. Thurber said:

"Hush!" said her daughter, "there are

"Hush!" said her daughter, "there are burglars in the house."
Mother and daughter went into Mrs. Thurber's room and kept still for ten minutes. Then they called the servants and a search was made of the house. A telephone message was seni to Police Headquarters and Sergt. Sweeney was notified at the Tenderloin station, but it was an hour before a detective got to the Thurber nour before a detective got to the Thurber

hour before a detective got to the Thurber house.

Mrs. Thurber said last night that only \$60 worth of stuff and her husband's revolver had been taken. It was Mr. Thurber's revolver that the gentlemanly burglar kept against Miss Thurber's head The burglars left two flour bags in which they had evidently intended to carry away plunder. Miss Thurber described the gentlemanly burglar as being neatly dressed and wearing good clothes.

He was about 38 years old and well spoken. The noticeable thing about him, she said, was a pronounced pallor.

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Miss Thurber went to Police Headquarters
vesterday and picked out in the rogues'
gillery Albert Matthews, who has been in
ail, as the gentlemanly thief.

BUILD RAILROADS IN MEXICO Guggenheim Co. to Connect Its Mines

With Trunk Lines. MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 31.-It is an ounced that the Guggenheim Exploration Company, which is the Mexican branch of the American Smelting and Refining Company, has approved plans for the immediate construction of more than two hundred miles of railroad.

It is proposed to build a large numbe of short lines in Mexico connecting the mines of the company with trunk lines of road in order to afford adequate shipping Many of the mines which the company

recently bought are remotely situated from

railway transportation and cannot be profit-

ably worked until railway connection is given them. WRECKED A MESSENGER OFFICE. Manager Objected Because Women Came

to Help Celebrate. The boys in the messenger office at Thirtysixth street and Fifth avenue invited a lot of young women in at midnight last night, as they had several times before, to celebrate. There was a new manager, Arthur Gardner, there and he objected. Then the crowd tore everything they could

to pieces.

Gardner summoned the Tenderloin police by telephone, and one boy and one young woman were arrested. The rest of the crowd fled. The boys will wake up without their jobs, the manager says.

A LINCOLN APPOINTEE RETIRED. J. W. Gre er Was One of the War Prestdent's Escort in 1861.

James W. Grover, 80 years old, of Jersey City, who was appointed to the custom service in May, 1861, by President Lincoln retired vesterday on account of his adretired vesterday on account of his advanced age. He had charge of the United States S orehouse at the foot of Grand street for many years. Prior to going to Jersey City he was an inspector in Newark. He was one of the murshals who escorted President Lincoln through Newark Feb. 21, 1861, when he stopped in that city on his way to Washington.

Arrived: 8s. Teutonic, Liverpool, Dec. 24.

NATAL'S GIFT TO ENGLAND. The Colony Will Pay War Claims Amounts 10 \$10,000,000

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PIETERMARITZBURG, Dec. 31.—The Minsters of Natal have informed Colonial Secretary Chamberlain that they do not think it worthy of the colony to haggle over its war claims against the Imperial Government, and wishing to show their appreciation of the sacrifices the latter has made in behalf of the colony they withdraw all such claims, amounting to nearly £2,000,000, undertaking that the colony will pear the expense itself.

Mr. Chamberlain, with much gratification, announced this gift to Great Britain at a panquet to-night. His statement was reeted with extraordinary enthusiasm, notwithstanding the fact that the withdrawal of the claims involves an increase of taxation in the colony.

KNEELS AND BEGS TO BE FREED. Woman Arrested as a Shoplifter Refuses to Give Any Name.

A middle-aged woman wearing expensive clothes was arrested outside a Sixth avenue dry goods store resterday by John Larkin, the store detective. Larkin says he saw her hide some silk in her muff. When placed under arrest she began to

ery and knelt in the street.
"This will kill my son. Oh, why did do it," she cried.

Larkin got the woman back into the store office. There the things were found in her muff. She wouldn't tell her name. "I can't give my right name," she said. It would disgrace my boy. I can't lie and give you a false name."

The Tenderloin patrol wagon was called and she was taken away. In the police station she offered Sergt. Sweeney the roll of bills that was in her purse to let he An elderly man called at the station last

night and sent to the woman a note ad-

tressed "Mrs. Mary Miller." She read it

and wrote on the envelope: "I'm in trouble. The man went away. RUN TO, NOT ON, A BANK. Swarm of Folks Eager to Make Deposits

in the Bank for Savings.

A crowd that some of the bank officials estimated at 3,000 went to the Bank for Savings at Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street yesterday to deposit money so that could draw interest from Jan. 1. Passersby began to wonder if there was a run on the bank, but as a matter of fact, it was just the reverse.

Most savings banks pay interest from Jan. 1 on money deposited within a week or ten days of that date, but the Bank for Savings is an exception. The bank folks said it was the biggest rush they had ever had. Three men were kept busy taking in the money and the bank kept open an extra hour

BREMERTON WILL BE GOOD. Navy Department's Order Has diate Effect. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.-The municipality of Bremerton, seat of the Puget lound navy yard, is considerably agitated over the order that no more Governmen

vessels be repaired a Bremerton till the saloon elements have been cleaned out. neld to-day and measures were adopted for the immediate suppression of all saloons and houses of bad repute held responsible

for demoralization of the Jackies. The responsible part of the community s in hearty sympathy with the Department's order and will assist in turning over new leaf at the navy yard, beginning the reform to-morrow, the first day of the

new year. NO EASTERN WAIFS WANTED.

egislation Against Importing Them He Sought in Nebraska. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31.-The officials of the Nebraska Children's Home Society are preparing a bill for introduction in the egislature next week to prevent the importation of waifs and homeless children

from New York and other eastern cities into For years this State has been a dumping ground for the Eastern cities, and hunareds of little homeless children have been b ought here and given to families to raise. The secretary of the Nebraska society ays that the New York societies place the children in any kind of homes and thereafter pay no attention to them.

In many cases the children are abused

and soon become a charge on the local

CONCESSION FORFEITED. Mexico Withdraws Railroad Grant

American Syndicate. MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 31.-The Federal Government has declared forfeited the concession which it granted three years ago to the Mexican Midland Railroad Compacy, which was composed of Americans, for the building and operation of a railway between the cities of Durango and Guierrez, a distance of about one hundred and twenty

The company failed to carry out the terms of the concession in the matter of building the road within a certain specified time The Mexican Central is preparing to build a road between these two places.

PAINT EVERY HOUSE.

City-And Do It Within a Month. MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 31. - The Mayor of the city of Leon, which has a population of 80,000, has issued an order that every house in the city must be repainted within a month.

Paint dealers here have had their stocks depleted as a result of the remarkable.

Mall Drivers Will Ask What They Can Get At a meeting of the Mail Wagon Drivers' Association held last night at 220 Avenue Association field last night at 220 Avenue A a committee of three was appointed to hold a final conference with President Boomer of the New York Mail Company to ascertain just what increase in wages he is willing to give to them. The committee will call on President Boomer on Monday.

Extra Fast -Extra Comforts.

The New York Central's 20-hour train take passengers only for Chicago. To get best accommodations it is well to apply to advance. Ade.

U. S. STEEL TO SHARE PROFITS

CIRCULAR TO EMPLOYEES SETS FORTH THE PLAN.

Approved by Presidents of the Subsidiary Companies, Based on Profits of Whole Concern-Devised to Interest All Omcers and Employees in Enhancing These Profits and Make Them Shareholders

The United States Steel Corporation, through George W. Perkins, chairman of ts Finance Committee, made public yesterday a scheme of profit-sharing and the distribution of gratuities to its employees in return for faithful services. It is the desire of the steel corporation's management to keep the employees interested n their work and to retain their services, and this, it is believed, will be attained The work of preparing the plan has extended over more than six months. It nas been approved by all the steel corporation's directors and committees and the presidents of the several subsidiary companies. It is designed to make the em-ployees and officers of the corporation and its subsidiary companies stockho The plan is described in detail in the folowing two circulars:

Circular to Stockholders. To the Stockholders of the United States Steet

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed you will find copy of a circular letter this day issued to the employees of the United States Steel Cerporation and its subsidiary companies

This circular sets forth two plans by which

ects, viz.: First—To interest a large number of the employees of the Corporation and its subsidiary companies in becoming permanent stockholders.

Second—To engage on a profit-sharing basis

the services of the presidents, officers, mana-gers, superintendents and all others charged with responsibility in managing the affairs of he Corporation, thus making these men actual partners with you in the ownership and management of the Corporation. At the time of the organization of the United States Steel Corporation, many of

the subsidiary companies were managed, to greater or less degree, by men who a very large personal pecuniary interest in them, and naturally gave to the direction of he affairs of their companies a large part or all of their time.

The aim of the Steel Corporation has been to devise some plan by which to maintain this same important incentive, but in place of having it centre in comparatively few men, so to distribute its effect throughout

the Corporation that every man, in his place, would feel that he had become a partner n the business and would work from that A profit-sharing plan of some kind has seemed to be the only way of reaching this most desirable end, and since the Corporation was organized two years ago the Finder-Committee has given much thought to the

consideration of such a plan.

The plan now announced is one that has The plan now announced is one that has met with unanimous approval and it will be tried. After the test of use improvements can doubtless be suggested, and all such suggestions will be cordially welcomed and, if practicable, adopted.

One of the main purposes has been to devise some plan that with equal fairness would apply to every man, from the president of the steel Corporation itself to the man with tick and shovel working for one of the subsidiary companies.

sidiary companies.
In addition it was desired to accomplish the following objects:

First—To interest the large number of young and able employees in the work of more closely organizing and systematizing ions, not only in connection with their own ocal concerns, but as an integral part of the Steel Corporation as an harmonious whole.
Second—To interest these men in reducing

the general expenses as well as the particu-lar cost of manufacture. Third—To offer to these men an inducement to remain permanently in the Corporation's Fourth-To avoid the tendency of a profit-

Fourth—To avoid the tendency of a profitsharing plan pertaining solely to a constituent company to build up the profits of that
company to the possible detriment of the
broadest and best interests of the Corporation as an harmonious whole, and therefore
to base the plan on the profits of the Corporation itself.

Fifth—To devise a plan by which, in the
apportionment of money for the improvement and development of plants, Company A.
for instance, would be interested in what
Company B was doing, and Company B in
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as nearly as possible, automatic regulation
against unnecessary duplication of appropriations.

company B was doing, constituting, as nearly as possible, automatic regulations against unnecessary duplication of appropriations. The Finance Committee realizes that the accomplishment of all the above desirable results will severely test any one plan, and the plan recommended may fall short of our expectations. It has, however, been canvassed very carefully with the presidents of all the subsidiary companies, and it has met with their unanimous approval.

It is believed that at the very beginning the plan will interest a substantial number of the most thritty men, and that eventually it will interest many of them.

It will be noted from the enclosed circular that of the stock which is offered for sale the workingmen have been allowed to subscribe for a much larger amount than the officers can subscribe for. This is because at present it is impossible to devise a plan for sharing with the laboring men profits based on their daily wases; but it is believed that profits can be shared with these men based, so to speak, on stock held by them, and especially with such men as shall continue permanently in the Corporation's service. This plan will embrace a large body of men who have no part in the direct management of the Corporation's affairs, are not directly responsible for results, and are not able, in any direct way, to affect the cost of manufacture of the net profits as a whole, and yet who, by their faithful service, are able to contribute much to the general gain of the Corporation and should be recognized in some substantial manner.

In round figures, it requires \$75,000,000 to pay the interest on the Corporation's bonds, dividends at the rate of 7 per cent on its common stock, and to make such an adjustment of salaries as shall seven properties of the United States Steel Corporation. It is believed that they and other possible investors in the Corporation's bonds and stocks would feel a special sense of security in the continued earning power of the Corporation of the stock, which part of their compensati

California- Florida Mexico.

California—Florida—Mexico.

The kaymond & Whiteomb Company of 25 Union Square are now sending out their cars and special trains, which run through from New York to Canfornia points without change, and offer superior accommodations to those requiring a strictly first-class arrangement for reaching California. Other trains will leave New York in January, and Friruary, which make a complete round of travel through old Mexico, visiting, with their choice on wheels "places most interesting, that are otherwise inaccessible. They have superior facilities for tours to Florida, Europe, Round the World, Cuba, Forto Rico, Oriental Landa, and seil railroad and steam; ship tickets to all parts of the world. Circulats will be mailed to those interested.— Adv.